UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ALEJANDRO COURTNEY, :

Plaintiff, :

: 23 Civ. 7360 (LGS)

-against-

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<u>ORDER</u>

STERLING UNION SQ. LLC AND BEST BUY

STORES, L.P.,

Defendants. X

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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, the initial pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for October 4, 2023.

WHEREAS, no significant issues were raised in the parties' joint letter or proposed case management plan. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the October 4, 2023, initial pretrial conference is **CANCELLED**. If the parties believe that a conference would nevertheless be useful, they should inform the court immediately so the conference can be reinstated. The case management plan and scheduling order will issue separately. The parties' attention is directed to the provisions for periodic status letters, and the need for a premotion letter to avoid cancellation of the final conference and setting of a trial date. It is further

**ORDERED** that if Defendants seek to file a motion to dismiss, they shall file a pre-motion letter pursuant to Individual Rules III.A.1 and III.C.2. It is further

**ORDERED**, regarding settlement discussions, the parties' request for a referral to mediation is **GRANTED**. The referral will issue in a separate order. The parties are apprised that participation in mediation does not provide cause to stay discovery. The parties should be aware that the Court does not extend the deadlines for fact and expert discovery absent compelling circumstances.

Dated: September 29, 2023

New York, New York

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE